

extensive disenfranchisement taking place throughout the country. The anniversary of the enactment of this historic law provides an opportunity to acknowledge these activists. Most notably, their tremendous dedication and uncompromising pursuit of equality took the form of peaceful marches from Selma to Montgomery that were met with vicious attacks by state and local police forces. These events caught the attention of the President and Congress, contributing to a commitment to new civil rights legislation to counter the resistance and discrimination laws within the states. The enactment of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 allowed African-Americans across the country to finally have a say in the functioning of the country. Today, I celebrate the anniversary of this law as a reflection of what our country represents: a nation pledged to representing the views, values, and beliefs of all the people it serves.

TRIBUTE TO TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker. I would like to recognize the remarkable history and invaluable contributions of an extraordinary church and congregation in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is fitting that we recognize this outstanding institution for its inspiring history as the City of Denver's "First Church" and for its enduring service to the people of our community and our nation. It is to commend this distinguished organization that I rise to honor the Trinity United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

In the spring of 1859, only months after the mining camps of Auraria and Denver City were precariously settled along the banks of Cherry Creek, the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church sent out members to set up churches in the already rowdy mining camps of the newly established Pikes Peak region. On August 2, 1859, frontier minister William H. Goode and 23-year-old Jacob Adriance established the Auraria and Denver City Methodist Episcopal Mission, known today as Trinity United Methodist Church. In 1864, a new Trinity United Methodist Church was built at 14th and Lawrence Streets to serve a burgeoning congregation.

The "Lawrence Street Church" served the community well. However, after arrival of the railroads to Denver, the City expanded greatly spreading the church's congregation further out into the growing city. By 1888 a new church rose at 18th and Broadway in Denver to accommodate the congregation's growing members. For over a century Trinity United Methodist Church has remained at this location. The church was regarded by its architect, Robert S. Roeschlaub, as the crowning achievement of his extensive career. Built of local sandstone and materials the sanctuaries ornate and carefully considered carvings and architecture are a testament to the commitment of the church to its members and community. Its 184 foot spire was one of the tallest stone towers in 1888 and remains a distinctive feature. Inside reside soaring stain

glass windows and solid brass pulpit along with a custom crafted 4,202 pipe organ which brings parishioners to prayer.

Today under the banner of "We're Here for Good!" over 50,000 church members share in weekly worship. In honor of its 150th Anniversary and in continuation of the church's service to our community and fellow humankind, the congregation has laid out four ambitious missions; planting a new church for those on the margins of society; completing construction of the John Wesley School in Guatemala; partnering to reduce infant, child, and maternal mortality in Liberia; upgrading the interior to be greener, safer, and more welcoming.

Please join me in commending Trinity United Methodist Church for its 150 years of invaluable service to our community and our nation. It is the commitment and dedication that Trinity United Methodist Church and members of its congregation exhibit on a daily basis which continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all of our people.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILE GOODHUE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lucile Goodhue on the celebration of her 100th birthday on August 26, 2009.

Lucile was born on what is now a 150-year old farm near Hartford, Iowa in 1909. She became a farm wife when she married her husband Wilbur. Lucile enjoyed traveling with Wilbur and collecting antiques. She has been blessed with numerous children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lucile's secrets to a long life are to keep active, take power naps and remain positive. She always followed these directives with a great sense of humor. Lucile currently lives at the Good Same Care Center in Indianola, Iowa.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Lucile's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Lucile has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Lucile Goodhue for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Lucile in the United States Congress and I wish her happiness and health in her future years.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 75th Anniversary of the East

Bay Regional Park District, headquartered in Oakland, California. The story of the EBRPD is an inspirational one in which citizens, during the toughest of economic times, had a mission. In the late 1920s, thousands of acres of surplus watershed land were available for development. Far-sighted civic leaders sought to preserve this land and retain a balance of recreational and wilderness features.

With 65 parks, over 1,100 miles of trails, campgrounds, visitor centers, historic sites, lakes and shorelines, the mission of the East Bay Regional Park District is to provide recreational opportunities, ensure the natural beauty and cultural history of the land, and protect wildlife habitat.

In 1934, during the depths of the Great Depression, members of a grassroots land preservation movement placed a measure on the ballot. It passed by a resounding 71% and the first regional park agency in the nation, the East Bay Regional Park District, was created.

At the outset, the Park District included only seven Alameda County communities and no parks. By 1936, it was able to purchase enough land to create three parks. The first three parks were opened with great fanfare on October 18, 1936. The opening of Redwood Regional Park in 1939 soon followed.

In the 1940s, Pearl Harbor and the start of World War II halted the District's growth. Much of Tilden Regional Park was turned over to the U.S. Army Defense Command. At the end of the war, the District began an era of prudent growth as people returned to the parks seeking family recreation. Concessions such as Tilden Regional Park's steam train, carousel, and pony ride were added. This growth continued into the 1950s with Roberts Regional Park's swimming pool, baseball field, and picnic areas.

Between 1968 and 1987, the District added 32 new regional parks and preserved 43,000 acres of the East Bay's most scenic parkland. During the period 1988–2008, the District added 15 new regional parks and an additional 34,000 acres of open space. There were increased volunteer opportunities and expanded communication tools, such as the District's website. District staff also built and opened Camp Arroyo, a state-of-the-art environmental education and youth camp.

The Park District describes itself as a work in progress as it struggles to acquire and operate regional parks and trails to serve the Bay Area population. Regardless of future challenges and opportunities, the East Bay Regional Park District is committed to providing East Bay residents with recreational opportunities and open space reserves close to home.

I join the community in celebrating the East Bay Regional Park's 75th Anniversary and send best wishes for many more successful years of service.

IN TRIBUTE TO CHARLES HOBBY STRIPLING, SR.

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise today not only to honor Hobby Stripling for his continuing contributions